

## WHAT'S NEW - ORANGE COUNTY

Best Western Raffles Inn & Suites, Anaheim. Best Western Raffles Inn & Suites in Anaheim has recently completed a full-scale, \$1.2 million renovation. The 108-room property offers up-to-date décor and furnishings, a new meeting room, a fitness room and guest laundry facility. The eight-person, family suites also were remodeled. Located in the heart of Anaheim within walking distance of the Anaheim Convention Center, Disneyland® park, Disney's California Adventure<sup>TM</sup> and Downtown Disney©, the hotel was recently announced as one of the newest Disneyland Resort Good Neighbor Hotels. Public contact: Best Western Raffles Inn & Suites, Anaheim, 800/654-0196 (reservations) or 714/750-6100, www.bestwesternrafflesinn.com.

Chat Noir. This new Parisian bistro and jazz lounge, located in Costa Mesa's theater district, will revisit the nightlife and essence of Paris in the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century. Featuring late night dining and entertainment to the area, the menu offers a rendering of traditional and contemporary French bistro classics. The restaurant is designed to offer a variety of dining experiences by dividing a building into a series of small dining rooms, which include fireplaces, oversized leather booths and display wine cellar. A European-style exhibition kitchen will allow guests to catch a glimpse of the chefs at work. The Jazz Lounge and covered patio feature an eclectic offering of live and house-mix azz. The patio also features a fireplace and lounge-style seating. Public contact: Chat Noir, 714/557-6647, www.culinaryadventures.com/Pages/ChatNoir.html.

**Disneyland® Resort**. The King Arthur Carrousel at Disneyland re-opened in March after 14 months of renovation. Among the major changes to one of the park's oldest rides is the addition of a loading ramp for disabled riders and wheelchair accessible chariot that seats four. The ride's 68 horses – down from 72 – have been repainted, and a

series of wraparound murals depicting the story of Sleeping Beauty have been restored. **Public contact: Disneyland® Resort, 714/781-4565 or 714/781-7290,** www.disneyland.com.

Knott's Berry Farm. New *Joe Cool's GR8 SK8* (Great Skate), a Peanuts-themed family attraction, and new Camp Snoopy Theater are two reasons to love Camp Snoopy this fall. Reaching a height of 21 feet, *Joe Cool's GR8 SK8* is a thrill that takes riders on a 40-foot slide from one end of a giant skateboard to the other while the platform teeter totters. Youngsters can then relax in the 200-seat Camp Snoopy Theater and watch *Charlie Brown's Hoe-Down*, the first production in this newest location for Peanuts Gang's musical performances. Public contact: Knott's Berry Farm, 714/220-5200, www.knotts.com.

The St. Regis Monarch Beach Resort & Spa. Motif, the new restaurant at The St. Regis Monarch Beach Resort & Spa, is transforming the way Southern Californians dine with the introduction of inspired international cuisine, "small plates." Sharing is encouraged for guests to discover all of Motif's flavorful fare. The ambiance of Motif will be further enhanced with the addition of live entertainment on weekends, and by displays of local artwork. Public contact: The St. Regis Monarch Beach Resort & Spa, 800/722-1543 or 949/234-3200, <a href="https://www.stregismonarchbeach.com">www.stregismonarchbeach.com</a>.